



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
APRIL 20-22, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2019 annual meeting minutes.** The Division II Men's Basketball Committee reviewed and approved the 2019 annual meeting report as written.
- 2. 2019-20 Division II Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed relevant action and information items from 2019-20.
- 3. Officials.** The committee discussed with John Blazek, coordinator of Division II men's basketball officials, the process for recommending and selecting officials who were scheduled to work regionals this year. Mr. Blazek indicated that the process for this year changed at the committee's request a year ago and he believes the process did provide for the top officials from each conference being selected to work the regionals. Mr. Blazek reviewed with the committee his goals for the 2020-21 season and noted that because of travel restrictions due to COVID-19, his ability to visit leagues he has not yet seen may be reduced for the upcoming year. Finally, in response to a committee member's request about the process conference coordinators use to select their watch lists, Mr. Blazek said he would discuss the matter with league coordinators to see if best practices can be attained.
- 4. Men's Basketball Rules Committee.** Dan Calandro joined the meeting to discuss the impact of COVID-19 and any rules changes for 2020-21. While 2020-21 is not a rules change year, he did inform the committee that the Division II Management Council was recommending to the Playing Rules Oversight Committee for a one-year delay on the implementation of the new three-point line due to the budgetary impact of COVID-19. PROP will vote on the delay at its May videoconference.
- 5. Ranking calls.** The committee discussed the number of ranking calls and the RAC balloting and noted that the process went very well again this year with the criteria. The committee was very pleased with the team sheets used to assist with the ranking and

selection process. The committee discussed the possibility of making the team sheets available to the membership to be as transparent as possible. While no formal recommendation was made, the committee believes that the Division II Championships Committee should discuss this for all team sports.

6. **Championship game at the Final Four.** The committee was disappointed that the championship game was not conducted this year in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Committee members acknowledged and appreciated the efforts from staff and the local organizing committee and hope to have the opportunity to conduct the championship game with Divisions I and III in the near future. Staff will work with the governance structure and respective championship committees to evaluate the next opportunity for a joint championship to be held.
7. **Division II governance update.** Members of the Division II governance staff updated the committee on the recent actions resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic and the cancellation of winter and spring championships. Staff indicated that while the Division II distribution was cut significantly, they don't anticipate significant cuts within the championships budget for 2020-21. Staff has indicated that funds for a joint championship were not rolled over to the 2020-21 budget and that dollars could be available during the next triennial budget cycle and will need to update staff on next opportunity to possibly conduct a joint championship.
8. **Discussion with Dan Gavitt and JoAn Scott.** Dan Gavitt, NCAA executive vice president for basketball and JoAn Scott, NCAA managing director for men's basketball championships, joined the meeting to discuss items related to the Division II Men's Basketball Championship. Mr. Gavitt expressed his thoughts on the cancelled winter and spring championships, which included the joint championship in Atlanta, and how COVID-19 has impacted the membership overall. Both Mr. Gavitt and Ms. Scott are hopeful of holding a joint championship with all three divisions in the near future but also realize the need to align all three divisions with the local organizing committees of future hosts to gauge interest and success.
9. **Legislative items.** Stephanie Quigg, NCAA director of academic and membership affairs, and Angela Red, NCAA assistant director of academic and membership affairs, joined the call to discuss topics around COVID-19 and provide updates to the group. Staff noted the weekly emails to the membership summarizing actions from the Division II Administrative Committee since the cancellation of winter and spring championships. Staff also noted ongoing discussions surrounding student-athlete name, image and likeness, as well as steps being taken related to the transfer portal.
10. **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved automatic-qualifying conferences for the 2021 championship.

- 11. Sponsorship report.** Committee members noted schools changing conference affiliation for 2020-21 in addition to those transitioning to Division I. NCAA staff will ensure that all teams are in the appropriate conference once the membership report comes out in August. The committee also noted the institutions that are on track to complete the membership process and become active Division II members this September.
- 12. Selection criteria.** The committee discussed the current selection criteria available to evaluate teams for rankings and selections. Staff noted that any changes to the criteria will need to be made at the Championships Committee's June meeting. The committee is pleased with most of the criteria used for selections and rankings but did want to ensure that the use of team sheets be included in the language in the pre-championship manual as well as the PowerPoint for Regional Advisory Committees. Additionally, the committee will evaluate the use of the Performance Index in smaller increments than currently used over the next few weeks to see if the new data would help the committee select teams for the championships.
- 13. Future sites.** The committee discussed bids that have been submitted for the next budget cycle (2024 and 2025) along with sites that have expressed interest in the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Festival in 2026. The committee asked staff to further evaluate a few sites and will reconvene on a call in the early summer to make decisions for all three years. The committee wants a site that embraces Division II basketball while also ensuring that the venue is a first-class arena to host a national championship.
- 14. Tournament host manual.** Staff asked the committee to review the tournament host manual and recommend changes for the 2020-21 season.
- 15. Committee operations manual.** The committee reviewed the current committee operations manual and recommended changes for the 2020-21 season.
- 16. Committee chair.** The committee recommended that Francis Reidy, director of athletics at Saint Leo University, serve as chair of the men's basketball committee.
- 17. Recognition of outgoing member.** The committee acknowledged Jon Mark Hall and Ken Gerlinger for their service on the committee over the past four years.
- 18. 2021 annual meeting.** The committee will meet virtually in the month of April in 2021 with the exact dates to be determined.

Committee Chair: Jon Mark Hall, University of Southern Indiana, Great Lakes Valley Conference

Staff Liaison: Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances

| NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Committee April 20-22, 2020, Videoconference | |
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| Attendees: | |
| Daryl Brooks, Bowie State University. | |
| Ken Gerlinger, Peach Belt Conference. | |
| Jon Mark Hall, University of Southern Indiana. | |
| Ted Hotaling, University of New Haven. | |
| Michael McBroom, West Texas A&M University | |
| Josh Moon, Northern State University | |
| Rusty Osborne, University of Alaska, Anchorage | |
| Fran Reidy, Saint Leo University. | |
| Absentees: | |
| None. | |
| Guests in Attendance: | |
| John Blazek, Coordinator of Division II Men's Basketball Officials. | |
| NCAA Staff Support in Attendance: | |
| Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances. | |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: | |
| Dan Calandro, Playing Rules. | |
| Dan Gavitt, Men's Basketball | |
| Maritza Jones, Division II Governance. | |
| Ryan Jones, Division II Governance. | |
| Stephanie Quigg, Academic and Membership Affairs. | |
| Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs. | |
| JoAn Scott, Men's Basketball. | |